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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. To the knowledge of the undersigned, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Applicant attaches copies of the listed documents. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The foreign patent documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in the Notification of the First Office Action ("Notification") mailed on March 10, 2006, from the Chinese Patent Office in a corresponding Chinese Patent

Application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of its mailing date. A copy of the Notification is also attached.

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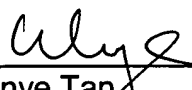
Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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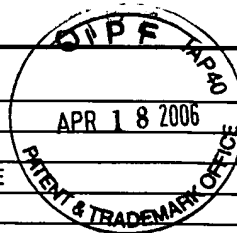
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